

Hate Crime Reporting

1997

Introduction

In response to a growing concern about hate crimes, the President of the U.S. signed into law on April 23, 1990, the Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990. The Act required the U.S. Attorney General to establish guidelines and collect, through the UCR Program, data "about crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity, including where appropriate the crimes of murder, forcible rape, aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation, arson and destruction or vandalism of property."

The enactment of Federal legislation requiring the collection and publication of nationwide hate crime statistics prompted the N.C. General Assembly to pass hate crime legislation. This legislation allows for stiffer penalties for crimes committed solely on the basis of hate and provided funding for the N.C. Justice Academy to train law enforcement agencies in hate crime reporting. The N.C. Justice Academy began training law enforcement agencies during the fall of 1992, and in 1997, the Division of Criminal Information (DCI) began conducting hate crime training. This training continues statewide.

The Division of Criminal Information also provides assistance to agencies in hate crime reporting by providing forms, reporting assistance and statistical analysis. From 1992 through 1994, DCI received a limited number of hate crime reports. In 1995, fifty-nine agencies reported 52 hate crime incidents to DCI; in 1996, eighty-three agencies reported 34 hate crime incidents; and in 1997, twenty-two agencies reported 42 hate crime incidents. While this limited participation is not sufficient to allow valid statewide measures of the volume and types of crimes motivated by hate, these reports do offer perspectives on the general nature of hate crime occurrences.

Methodology

This section contains tables that address the volume and types of bias-motivated criminal incidents reported to the DCI during 1997. Criminal incidents can involve more than one offense, victim, or offender. For counting purposes, one offense is counted for each victim of a "crime against person." One offense is counted for each distinct operation of "crime against property," regardless of the number of victims. The total number of victims in a given incident is the sum of victims associated with each offense that took place within the incident.

Agencies Reporting Hate Crime by Bias Motivation

Agency Name	Number of Incidents	Race	Ethnicity	Religion	Sexual Orientation
Andrews Police	1	1	0	0	0
Buncombe County Sheriff	1	0	0	1	0
Cary Police	2	2	0	0	0
Chapel Hill Police	4	2	1	0	1
Claremont Police	1	1	0	0	0
Cramerton Police	1	1	0	0	0
Duke University	4	0	0	0	4
East Carolina University	1	0	0	0	1
Enfield Police	1	1	0	0	0
Gaston County Police	5	5	0	0	0
Greensboro Police	5	5	0	0	0
Iredell County Sheriff	2	2	0	0	0
Kannapolis Police	1	1	0	0	0
Morehead City	4	3	0	0	1
Morganton Public Safety	1	1	0	0	0
Murphy Police	2	2	0	0	0
Pitt County Sheriff	1	1	0	0	0
Salisbury Police	1	1	0	0	0
Southern Pines Police	1	1	0	0	0
Thomasville Police	1	1	0	0	0
Western Carolina University	1	1	0	0	0
Winston-Salem Police	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	42	33	1	1	7

Number of Hate Crime Incidents, Offenses, Victims, and Offenders by Bias Motivation 1997

	Incidents	Offenses	Victims ¹	Known Offenders
Total	42	59	64	39
Bias Motivation				
Race:	33	46	50	29
Anti-White	6	10	14	12
Anti-Black	26	35	35	14
Anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0
Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Anti-Multi-Racial Group	1	1	1	3
Ethnicity/National Origin:	1	1	1	1
Anti-Hispanic	0	0	0	0
Anti-Other Ethnicity/National Origin	1	1	1	1
Religion:	1	1	1	2
Anti-Jewish	0	0	0	0
Anti-Catholic	0	0	0	0
Anti-Protestant	1	1	1	2
Anti-Islamic	0	0	0	0
Anti-Other Religion	0	0	0	0
Anti-Multi-Religious Group	0	0	0	0
Anti-Atheism/Agnosticism/etc.	0	0	0	0
Sexual Orientation:	7	11	12	7
Anti-Male Homosexual	2	2	2	3
Anti-Female Homosexual	1	1	1	1
Anti-Homosexual	4	8	9	3
Anti-Heterosexual	0	0	0	0
Anti-Bisexual	0	0	0	0

¹Victims include individuals (people), businesses, religious organizations or various other targets.

Location of Hate Crime Incidents by Bias Motivation 1997

	Total Incidents	Race	Ethnicity/ National Origin	Religion	Sexual Orientation
Total	42	33	1	1	7
Location					
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	0	0	0	0	0
Bank/Savings and Loan	0	0	0	0	0
Bar/Night Club	0	0	0	0	0
Church/Synagogue/Temple	1	0	0	1	0
Commercial/Office Building	0	0	0	0	0
Construction Site	0	0	0	0	0
Convenience Store	0	0	0	0	0
Department/Discount Store	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Store/Dr.'s Office/Hospital	0	0	0	0	0
Field/Woods	0	0	0	0	0
Government/Public Building	0	0	0	0	0
Grocery/Supermarket	1	1	0	0	0
Highway/Road/Alley/Street	4	2	0	0	2
Hotel/Motel/etc.	0	0	0	0	0
Jail/Prison	0	0	0	0	0
Lake/Waterway	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Store	0	0	0	0	0
Parking Lot/Garage	5	5	0	0	0
Rental Storage Facility	0	0	0	0	0
Residence/Home	14	12	0	0	2
Restaurant	1	1	0	0	0
School/College	13	9	1	0	3
Service/Gas Station	0	0	0	0	0
Specialty Store (TV, Fur, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0
Other/Unknown	3	3	0	0	0

Number of Hate Crime Offenses by Suspected Offender's Race - 1997

	Total Offenses ¹	White	Black	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Multi- Racial Group	Unknown
Total	59	25	8	0	0	0	26
Crimes Against Persons:	39	22	7	0	0	0	10
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	11	6	5	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	27	16	1	0	0	0	10
Crimes Against Property:	20	3	1	0	0	0	16
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	2	0	1	0	0	0	1
Larceny-Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism	17	3	0	0	0	0	14

Number of Hate Crime Offenses, Victims and Offenders by Offense - 1997

	Offenses ¹	Victims ²	Known Offenders ³
Total	59	64	43
Crimes Against Persons:	39	39	36
Murder	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	1	1	1
Simple Assault	11	11	17
Intimidation	27	27	18
Crimes Against Property:	20	25	7
Robbery	0	0	0
Burglary	2	5	3
Larceny-Theft	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Arson	1	1	0
Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism	17	19	4

¹For counting purposes, one offense is counted for each victim of a "crime against person." One offense is counted for each distinct operation of "crime against property," regardless of the number of victims.

²The total number of victims in a given incident is the sum of victims associated with each offense that took place within the incident.

³The actual number of known offenders is 39. However, some offenders committed more than one offense per incident and are, therefore, counted more than once in this table.